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Mr. Ellis Gale
Room [illegible]
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Gale:

Thank you for your letter. I am, of course, familiar with your work and am glad to have this opportunity to thank you personally for the valuable contribution you have made to our agency during the past two years.

I appreciate very much your offer to serve with us in China, and wish that this were possible. As it happens, your letter reached me at the same time that a cable was received from the Theater regretting that, due to budgetary restrictions, it was impossible to request your services. As you are aware, the budget of this agency has been curtailed sharply for the coming fiscal year, and the result of this has been to require us to reduce to a minimum the number of civilian officers whom we employ. It is only in the most exceptional cases that we are now sending any civilians to China. I am sure you will understand the position and the fact that this situation is as distasteful to us as I am sure it is disappointing to you.

Thank you again for your offer and for your record of fine work. With best wishes for your future in whatever line of activity you are planning to enter,

Yours sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

21 July 1945

TO: General Donovan

In response to your direction, there has been prepared and is submitted herewith for your approval and signature a proposed reply to the letter which you recently received from Mr. Hollis Gale.

Samuel C. Lee
Major, AUS

Attachment

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Gabriel, Hugo

24 July 1945

Dr. Hugo Gabriel
1242 North Amalfi Drive
Pacific Palisades, California

Dear Dr. Gabriel:

It was indeed kind of you to write General Donovan and Captain Sarvis on July 11th inquiring whether or not you could be of further service to this agency. During the past week the Branches and Offices most likely to require your services were given appropriate information concerning your qualifications and previous assignments with OSS.

Unfortunately there seems to be no vacancy in the OSS at the present time. In part this may be explained by the recent budget reductions which necessitate the release of many civilian employees. Furthermore, there has been a change in emphasis since the termination of hostilities in Europe. At the present time there is an understandable interest in the Far East and specialized knowledge of Europe and European languages is no longer of primary importance to this organization.

It has been pointed out to us that the War Department has recently been recruiting personnel with German language ability. For that reason it is suggested that you write to the Office of the Secretary of War, Civilian Personnel Division, Att: Mr. Charles C. Pusman, the Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

[illegible]
Lieut. [illegible]
Executive Officer

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Gabriel

Pacific Palisades, July 11, 1945

William J. Donovan,
General, AUS.,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan :

May I refer to your visit in Los Angeles some months ago when I was privileged to talk to you in the branch office of OSS.

As you will gather from the enclosed copy of credential I just finished an assignment with the Los Angeles Branch of OSS. I worked as a Section Chief (Research Analyst and Interviewer), at first as a consultant, and from November 20, 1944 until June 30, 1945 as a regular U.S.Government employee.

To-day I inquire whether I can be of further service to Washington. I am a citizen and I went through the so-called "security clearing", as you will realize. Prior to my association with OSS I taught scientific, Military and Literary German and French at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. I instructed undergraduates, graduates, Navy and Army officers for five years, including five summer vacation language courses.

I am in a position to submit very good references and credentials. Mr. M. Easton, Chief of the Los Angeles Branch of OSS, expressed his willingness to personally recommend me whenever further information is desired about me.

I am very appreciative of your consideration.

Believe me, Dear General Donovan,

Sincerely yours,

Hugo Gabriel

1248 North Amalfi Drive,
Pacific Palisades,
near Santa Monica, Calif.

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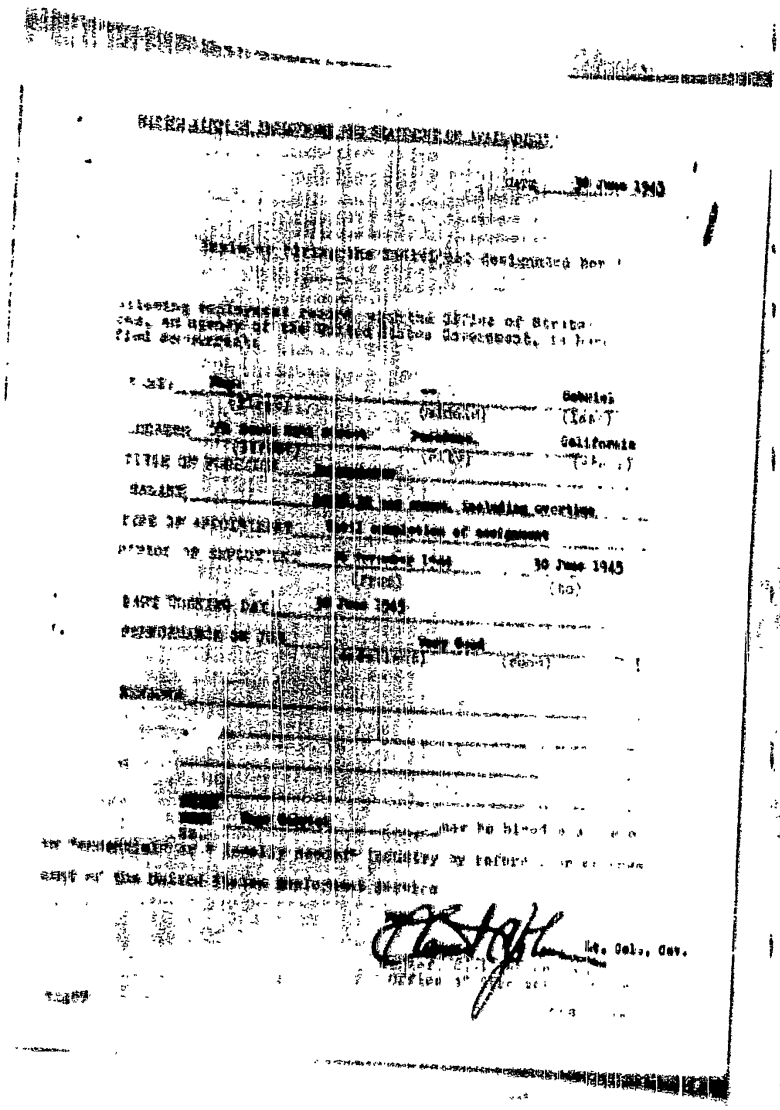

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[illegible] 30 June 1945

[illegible] designated [illegible]

[illegible] Office of Strata[illegible] [illegible] Government, [illegible]

[illegible] Gabriel (Last)

[illegible] Pasadena, California (City)

TITLE OF [illegible]

SALARY [illegible] including overtime

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT [illegible] completion of assignment

PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT [illegible] 1944 (From) 30 June 1945 (to)

DATE [illegible] 30 June 1945

PERFORMANCE OF JOB [illegible] Very Good (Excellent) (Good)

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[illegible] may be [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] of the United States [illegible] service

[illegible] Lt. Col., Cav.

[illegible] Office of [illegible]

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26 May 1944

Mr. Charles P. Taft, Director
Office of Wartime Economic Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Taft:

General Donovan is out of the country and consequently I am replying to your letter of 24 May 1944 respecting Pvt. Robert S. Ganja.

You may be sure that your letter will be given full attention in the consideration of this case.

Sincerely yours,

M. Quinn Shaughnessy
1st Lt., USMCR
Asst. Chief, Secretariat

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Benjamin

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1944

Dear Bill:

I attach a letter from a friend of mine in Cincinnati, Mrs. Pere S. Benjamin. She and her husband have established their place in the community, starting from the bottom, and are people of real character and standing.

I do not know Mrs. Benjamin's brother at all, and wrote her that he would be helped most by recommendations from people who did know him. However, his record seems to be good, and I am more than willing to endorse his sister as a reliable citizen of Cincinnati.

Sincerely yours,

Charles P. Taft

Charles P. Taft
Director, Office of
Wartime Economic Affairs

Enclosure.

Brigadier General Wm. J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

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The A.B. Closson Jr. Co.

421-423 RACE STREET
Cincinnati

Delivery of Mail, Address Us As Follows:
CINCINNATI 2, OHIO.

May 22, 1944

Hon. Chas. P. Taft,
State Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you after having talked to Mrs. Taft regarding an urgent matter concerning my brother, Pvt. Robert S. Ganja, who is now in the U. S. Army having completed his Basic Training in the Infantry.

Before his induction Pvt. Ganja was practicing law, also was Law Instructor at the Baker Law Review School in Chicago. He has majored in Political Science, and is conversant in French, Russian and Persian languages. At the termination of his training he, at the suggestion of his Commanding Officer, applied for an assignment with the O.S.S. Pvt. Ganja was interviewed by a Major Ross of the O.S.S. in Chicago, who took his application to Washington, where it is now being considered.

Pvt. Ganja is eager to get the assignment where he feels certain he can use his knowledge and experience to give more valuable service - whereby he has no way of using his talents in the Infantry.

Because of the nature of the work of the proposed assignment, we understand the matter of character qualification is the paramount factor. It is because you and Mrs. Taft have known Mr. Benjamin and me for a number of years that we hope you would accept our presumption that our brother is of the same category, plus his higher academic attainments. It is for this reason that we are asking you to be kind enough to give our brother a recommendation to Col. Smith, Chief of the O.S.S. in any form you deem appropriate.

Mr. Benjamin and I feel certain that a word from you would expedite a favorable decision.

Allow me please, sir, to emphasize that the matter of time is very urgent at present.

With sincere thanks and deep appreciation of your kind interest, which both Mr. Benjamin and I consider a personal favor, I am

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Perry S. Benjamin

Pvt. Robert S. Ganja 36497711
Co. I, 1st Regt.
A.A.F. Repl. Depot No. 2
Fort Ord, Cal.

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Collector of UNITED STATES

ARMY & NAVY COVERS

ARTHUR T. GARRISON ★ 58 NICHOLS STREET ★ BRIDGETON, N. J.

Garrison, Arthur

March 14, 1945.

Maj. Gen. Wm. J. Donovan,
Army Strategic Services,
War Dept, Wash. D.C.

Done - 17 March 1945 WJD

Dear General Donovan:—

I am making world war scrap books using autographed covers (envelopes) newspaper, magazine clippings, pictures, my own notes.

Will you please autograph, in ink, at left end of each envelope, right on the pencil lines.

Please don't use any postage on one cover just the word Free. Us collectors like the Stampless Covers for we can only get them at War Time. Then please let each envelope go through the mail, I wish each cover to have a Postmark on it.

Have collected Army & Navy covers for over twelve years. I have received the following autographed covers this past three years.

Henry L. Stimson; Cordell Hull; E. R. Stettinius; Frank Knox; J. V. Forrestal; Ralph A. Bard; Robt. P. Patterson; Gen'l S. George C. Marshall; Douglas MacArthur; Dwight D. Eisenhower; Henry H. Arnold; Joseph W. Stilwell; Thomas Holcomb; Adm'l S. Ernest J. King; William D. Leahy; Chester W. Nimitz; Thomas C. Hart; Charles P. Snyder; Raymond A. Spruance; Harold R. Stark; Harry E. Yarnell; Royal E. Ingersoll; Jonas H. Ingram.

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Robt. C. Richardson; Wm. N. Haskell; Alex A. Vandegrift;
Ira C. Eaker; B. B. Somervell; Lloyd R. Fredendall;
George Grunert; Geo. S. Patton; George A. Brett;
Geo. C. Kenney; Robt. L. Eichelberger; Millard F. Harmon;
James H. Doolittle; John C. H. Lee; Louis H. Brereton;
Walter B. Smith; Holland M. Smith; Barney M. Giles;
Alex M. Patch; Daniel I. Sultan; Wm. H. Simpson; R. K. Sutherland.
Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey; Harry Schmidt; C. B. Cates;
L. J. Snyder; L. L. Lemnitzer; Terry Allen; L. S. Hobbs;
W. M. Robertson; Arch V. Arnold; J. R. Hodge; C. H. Gerhardt;
A. D. Bruce; C. W. Ryder; J. B. Coulter; C. L. Bolte; J. R. Dean;
T. H. Middleton; Geo. F. Lull; Jos. L. Collins; Frank S. Ross;
M. C. Stayer; S. R. Meyer; P. J. Mueller; J. E. Dahlquist; W. S. Paul;
H. B. Vaughn; H. L. Tweedale; J. A. VanFleet; W. H. Morris; R. W. Grow;
E. A. Partridge; F. C. Sibert; V. D. Mudge; W. H. Haislip; H. L. McBride;
B. L. Drain; Roy S. Geiger; L. K. Truscott; C. P. Swift; W. H. Gill. etc.

Many other outstanding war covers.
Have a son Merle in the Signal Corps somewhere in the South Pacific.
I will exhibit these covers at future stamp & cover shows.

Thanking you for this favor and wishing you and all our armed forces continued success.

I remain,

Yours for VICTORY

Arthur T. Garrison

A.U.C.S. # 685
U.S.C.S. # 682
P.C.B.C. # 515
W.C.C. # 183
B.S.C. # [illegible]

P.S. This is my second request. I will appreciate your autograph.

Archduke Paul

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21 January 1944.

Mr. Arthur T. Garrison,
58 Nichols Street,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Garrison:

Since General Donovan is absent from the country and is therefore not available to autograph the envelopes enclosed with your letter of January 18, 1944, we are returning them to you herewith.

We regret that General Donovan is not available to comply with your request.

Very truly yours,

Duncan C. Lee,
Major, AUS,
Chief, Secretariat.

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UNITED STATES

ARMY & NAVY COVERS

ARTHUR T. GARRISON ★ 53 NICHOLS STREET ★ BRIDGETON, N. J.

Jan-15, 1944,

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan,
Director of Strategic Services,
War Dept., Wash. D.C.

Dear General Donovan:-

I am making a world war scrap book. Using autographed covers (envelopes) news paper, magazine clippings, pictures, my own notes. Will you please autograph, in ink, at the end of each envelope, sight on the pencil lines. Please don't use any postage on one envelope, just the word Free. No collectors like the Stampless Covers for we can only get them at War Time. Then please let each envelope go through the mail, I wish each cover to have a Postmark on it.

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Adm. Thomas C. Hart; Adm. Chester W. Nimitz;
Adm. Charles P. Snyder; Adm. Harold R. Stark;
Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark; Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker;
Lt. Gen. Joseph Stillwell; Lt. Gen. J. T. McNarney;
Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair; Lt. Gen. Alex A. Vandegrift;
Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb; Lt. Gen. B. B. Somervell;
Maj. Gen. J. H. Doolittle; Maj. Gen. C. L. Chennault;
Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith; Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger;
Brig. Gen. Hayden L. Boatner; Brig. Gen. Louis E. Woods;
Brig. Gen. Philip Hayes; Brig. Gen. Geo. F. Schulgen;
Brig. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg; Brig. Gen. Wm. S. Hall;
Brig. Gen. F. A. Blesse; Brig. Gen. Edgar E. Glenn.

Many other outstanding war covers.
Have a son, Mark in the Signal Corps,
somewhere in the South Pacific.
I will exhibit these covers at
future stamp & cover shows.
Thanking you for this favor and
wishing you continued success.

I remain,

Yours for VICTORY

U. S. C. S. #682
A. N. C. S. #685
B. S. C. #27

Arthur Garrison

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

13 March 1945

To: Gen. William J. Donovan

FROM: Mr. Louis M. Keam

We have assigned Capt. Charles Gabriel to the Campbell Project on the following basis:

Captain Gabriel is assigned to the Special Projects Branch as a representative of the Procurement and Supply Branch on temporary duty.

Captain Gabriel is under the direct supervision of Capt. Emil Hegyi and reviews all requisitions for supplies and equipment required in connection with the project or projects.

Captain Gabriel will review the existing supply situation and make recommendations as to the requirements to improve the present supply system, including recommendations on additional personnel which may be required.

Captain Gabriel will be responsible for anticipating the requirements of the project in adequate time to be included in the OSS Catalog of Requirements in order that delays in the future will be avoided, and he will also be responsible for expediting requisitions for materials and to see to it that requisitions are placed in proper channels.

Captain Gabriel will be subject to Capt. Hegyi's order with regard to travel and shall be at the complete disposal of the Campbell Project for supply matters.

The writer considers that all major OSS projects should have a supply officer directly attached to the project so that Administrative Services functions and responsibilities can be properly carried out. In the future this will be done.

L. M. Keam

Louis M. Keam
Deputy Director
Administrative Services

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OSS Form 3057a

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: 29 April 1944

TO: The Director

SUBJECT: Certificate and Request for OSS Orders

for Captain Charles H. Gabriel, O-450196
(Individual or Group)

1. It is requested that the attached orders be issued to the above (individual, group) proceeding to [redacted] for duty with the [redacted]
(Office or Branch)

as a Services Officer.
(Title or Capacity)

2. I certify that I have considered the qualifications of the individual(s) and find (him, them) fitted for the duties proposed. I have checked the applicable paragraph below and have furnished such other information as is required.

☒ a. The OSS Assessment Board has examined the individual(s) and concurs in the orders for departure overseas for the duties proposed.

☐ b. The OSS Assessment Board has examined the individual(s) and does not concur in the orders for departure overseas for the duties proposed. Nevertheless, the undersigned believes the individual(s) should be allowed to depart and there is attached for your consideration and ultimate decision (1) the Report of Assessment Board with endorsements of Branch Chief and appropriate Deputy Director, and (2) the Report of Chief Instructor of training area.

☐ c. The OSS Assessment Board has not examined this individual because under applicable orders this is not required or a prerequisite to departure overseas for the duties proposed.

☐ d. The OSS Assessment Board has not examined this individual because, although attendance at the Assessment School is required under applicable orders, it is believed that this requirement should be waived in the present case for the reason stated below:

[illegible] Branch Chief

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: [redacted] DATE: [redacted]

SUBJECT: OSS Orders

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your official travel orders, where you will report to [redacted], for duty with the [redacted] (Office or Branch). You will thereafter act under his orders and direction.

[redacted] (Director)

(Security) SECRET

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SECRET

10 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Mfc. Anthony Gatto

SUBJECT: Orders

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Chief of Office of Strategic Services for that theater of operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Chief of Office of Strategic Services for such theater.

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

APPROVED:

J. H. [illegible]
Deputy Chief [illegible]

[illegible]
Lt. Colonel, F. A.
Deputy Chief [illegible]

[illegible]
Major, [illegible]
Far East Theater Officer

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McDonnell Col R.J.

HEADQUARTERS 309TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
COLUMBIA ARMY AIR BASE
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

AUTH Co Bomb Group
INITIALS [illegible]
DATE 12-31-42

December 31, 1942.

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER....156)

1. So much of par#1, SO#144, this Hq, c.s., as reads:

on temp duty for a period of not to exceed fifteen (15) days.

is amended to read:

on temp duty for a period of not to exceed twenty five (25) days.

By order of Colonel MEDWED:

R. C. SIMPSON,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

R. C. Simpson

R. C. SIMPSON,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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x Service Abroad
x McDonnell Col PJ

11 December, 1942

Subject: Corporal Charles Gradin,
376th Squadron,
Columbia Army Air Base,
309 Bombardment Road,
Columbia, South Carolina.

To: The Adjutant General,
U. S. Army, Enlisted Division,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Lieut. Col. Rice

1. The Director of the Office of Strategic Services requests the temporary assignment to this Office for two weeks' duty of Corporal Charles Gradin, now in the 376th Squadron, Columbia Army Air Base, 309 Bombardment Road, Columbia South Carolina.

2. This man has been highly recommended for a mission abroad and it is desired to look over his qualifications at first hand before asking for his assignment to this Office.

3. This confirms my telephone conversation of this date with your Office.

PAUL J. McDONNELL,
Colonel, Infantry.

PJMcD:amr

CC: Mr. James R. Murphy

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X Service Abroad
X McDonnell, Col P.J.

December 9, 1942

From: James R. Murphy

To: Colonel Paul J. McDonnell

I understand that Corporal Charles Gaudin, who is at Columbia Army Air Base, 309 Bombardment Road, 376th Squadron, Columbia, South Carolina, would be a very good man for us for service abroad. He has been highly recommended. Would you see if you can arrange to have him sent up here for ten days' furlough on temporary duty, so that we can look him over and make arrangements to have him assigned here if he passes inspection.

JRM

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y Switzerland

November 30, 1942

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MEMORANDUM To: James Murphy
From: Ernest Cuneo

Would you be good enough to send the following message via secret code cable to Mr. Allen Dulles in Switzerland:

It is urgently requested that JULIA GENTILI, Visa Division No. 81114, and NICOLETTA GENTILI, LUCA GENTILI, BORDELLO GENTILI, Pia GENTILI and VITTORIA USUELLI, now in Italy, be granted United States Visas immediately in Zurich, and that you recommend, if possible, to the Swiss authority that they be permitted to enter Switzerland. State Department had given consent for visas a year ago.

E.C.

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^ WAR DEPT. PERSONNEL

November 20, 1948

The Adjutant General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Major Victor Cole

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Mr. Rayne C. Denver will be permitted to accept appointment in the Army of the United States and will be released for extended active duty.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

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x State
x Naturalization papers

November 23, 1942

Mr. Howard K. Travers, Chief
Visa Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

SECRET

My dear Mr. Travers:

I shall greatly appreciate every assistance you can give us in expediting the concurrence of the Department in an application for a reentry permit recently filed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service by Mr. [illegible] GENTILI.

We have asked the Immigration and Naturalization Service to give this application immediate attention, and I understand that it should be in your hands for consideration by Wednesday or Thursday.

The applicant has been selected to undertake a confidential mission, and it is important that he be in a position to depart from the country as soon as possible.

I am satisfied that approval of his application by the Department would be entirely consistent with the national interest.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

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X Reimbursement

July 1, 1942

Mr. Elmer Davis, Director
Office of War Information
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

We will be glad to make the services of Mr. William H. Gilbert available to the Office of War Information on a reimbursable basis for the period July 1, 1942, through October 30, 1942.

The Office of Strategic Services will submit vouchers for reimbursement of Mr. Gilbert's salary of $6400 per annum at a later date. The Bureau of the Budget Form No. 337 has been executed by our Budget Officer and is returned to you for proper disposition.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

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Garosci 8986
x Selective Service

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1942

Dear Bill:

Replying to your letter of November 16, 1942, I wish to inform you that the Adjutant General is taking the necessary measures to discharge Private Aldo Garosci from the service, so that he may be available to you without any strings from the War Department.

Sincerely,

John J. McCloy

Colonel William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
25 & E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

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November 16, 1942

The Honorable Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stimson:

The services of Private Aldo Garosci, Fort Dix, New Jersey, are urgently needed by this organization for work of a confidential nature. His Army Serial Number is 32619270. Our organization had originally requested the deferment of Private Garosci, and Selective Service Headquarters in New York City took the matter up with the registrant's Local Board. It was too late to procure his deferment because the registrant had already been inducted into the Army.

I should, therefore, appreciate it very much if you would arrange to have Private Garosci discharged from the Army.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

Mr. Brennan
Chief, Italian Section, SI

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November 4, 1942

Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey
Selective Service System
Washington, D.C.

My dear General Hershey:

In connection with certain plans now under way which vitally concern the war effort, it is necessary that the services of a man by the name of Aldo Garosci be available. The nature of this service is so highly confidential that it cannot be disclosed in writing. His draft number is 225A and his Local Board is number 13, New York City. He is to be drafted on November seventh. It is respectfully requested that he be given such classification in Selective Service in order that his services may continue to be available to us.

Of course, I should be glad to tell you in person of the facts, or to have someone from my office convey that information orally to you or your representative.

In view of the urgency of the matter, if this request meets with your approval, I should greatly appreciate it if you would notify local draft board number 13, New York City, by telephone or telegraph, of the action which you decide to take.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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T-K MESSAGE -- Rush

TO: James R. Murphy

FROM: Ernest Cuneo

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

SECRET

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Colonel Donovan

DATE: November 4, 1942

FROM: George K. Bowden

SUBJECT: Aldo Garosci Draft Deferment

The above subject, an Italian, is now engaged on a secret mission for OSS. His draft board has called him for physical examination on November 6. Induction will probably follow shortly after the passage by him of his physical examination. His induction would stop the mission in which he is now engaged. The continuance of this mission is of material significance to the war effort. No other person is available to carry on this mission.

Under the circumstances, request is hereby respectfully made that deferment for Garosci be requested by you from General Hershey.

Garosci is registered with local board number 13 in New York City. His draft number is 225A.

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August 17, 1942

Brigadier General Walter B. Smith
The Joint Chiefs of Staff
Public Health Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear General Smith:

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Enclosed is a memorandum which I thought might be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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MEMORANDUM

August 15, 1942

Certain of our representatives in New York talked a few days ago with Mr. L. Borisovitch Gelfand, known here as Leon H. Moore, who was for many years Soviet Charged'Affaires in Rome, and who left the Soviet Diplomatic Service after Russia signed the German Alliance in 1939. He was smuggled out of Italy and reached the United States with the help of former Ambassador William Phillips, who now represents OSS in London. Gelfand is a man of such intellectual capacity that our representatives in New York felt that his views should be sent on.

While in the Russian Foreign Service, Gelfand was one of Litvinoff's men, but has kept away from Litvinoff since the latter arrived here as Ambassador. He did this because he did not wish to embarrass Litvinoff's relations

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with Stalin, Molotov, et al., as he, Gelfand, is still persona non grata with those in power in Moscow. He claims no inside knowledge whatever about the Russian situation, but he does speak with a background of personal and rather intimate knowledge of both Stalin and Molotov.

Gelfand takes a very despairing view of the present Russian situation and believes that we should prepare ourselves for almost anything, including separate peace negotiations between Stalin and Hitler, in which Stalin might even abandon the Ukraine. He rather expects to see the Germans at Astrakhan in a few weeks and to have completed their occupation of the Russian Black Sea Coast. The latter move would mean that the Russian fleet would have no place to go and presumably would have to be sunk. The former would mean the destruction of all shipping on the Caspian Sea and the practical cutting off of Russia from supplies from the south. He does not believe that thereafter Russia would be in a position to make effective resistance, and he doubts whether they would try it.

He feels that the persistent propaganda in Allied countries for a second front, which the Russians, not under-

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Stalin's and Molotov's suspicions of Great Britain are intense. They undoubtedly think that England is now trying to play the very type of game which Soviet Russia herself attempted in the German Alliance of 1939; namely, to allow Germany and France to bleed themselves to death and then for Russia to come in as the decisive factor in Europe. They now view England with its idle army of two million men and its feeble efforts in Egypt as trying to play the game of letting Germany and Russia bleed themselves and are likely to be fooled by a Russian collapse, just as Russia was fooled when France collapsed. He feels that the virtual surrender by Britain of the Middle East by leaving the defense of Egypt to an ill-prepared army of negligible size, when millions of men are in England, is viewed in Russian eyes as evidence of British unwillingness to really engage in the battle.

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Gelfand feels that there is little that England can now do vis-a-vis Russia in this situation, but that, recognizing that Stalin is still the single decisive factor in determining Russian policy, something might still be done with him by the United States. He suggests there should be sent to Russia on our behalf a high political representative of the Government, such as Vice-President Wallace. Gelfand felt that a Mission such as this might be more valuable to us than many divisions.

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August 12, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Hugh R. Wilson

Mr. George Bowden

FROM : Mr. Allen Dulles

Last night, Lithgow Osborne, John Hughes and I took out to dinner MR. L. BORISOVITCH GELFAND, known here as LEON H. MOORE, who was for many years Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Rome, and who left the Soviet Diplomatic Service after Russia signed the German Alliance in 1939. He was smuggled out of Italy and reached the United States with the help of Bill Phillips and others.

While in the Russian Foreign Service, G was one of Litvinoff's men but has kept away from Litvinoff since the latter arrived here as Ambassador, as he did not wish to embarrass the latter's relations with Stalin, Molotov, et al, as he, G, is still persona non grata with those in power in Moscow. G believes, however, that Litvinoff has little, if any, influence in Moscow.

I have been working with G for some months and consider him one of the most astute men I have met in a long time. He claims no inside knowledge whatever about the Russian situation but nevertheless I thought his views as given to us last night were of real interest because he speaks with a background of personal and rather intimate knowledge of both Stalin and Molotov and believes he can interpret their reactions and views, which he says it is difficult for a Westerner to understand; particularly in the case of Stalin, with his somewhat oriental outlook.

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He feels that the persistent propaganda in Allied countries for a second front, which the Russians, not understanding our freedom of the press, look upon as some trick on our part, is having a very discouraging effect since the Russians feel they have been deliberately bluffed by the Allied Governments who have no real intention (and in his view, no real possibility) of establishing a second front.

Stalin's and Molotov's suspicions of Great Britain are intense. They undoubtedly think that England is now trying to play the very type of game which Soviet Russia herself attempted in the German Alliance of 1939; namely, to allow Germany and France to bleed themselves to death and then for Russia to come in as the decisive factor in Europe. They now view England with its idle army of two million men and its feeble efforts in Egypt as trying to play the game of letting Germany and Russia bleed themselves and are likely to be fooled by a Russian collapse, just as Russia was fooled when France collapsed. He feels that the virtual surrender by Britain of the Middle East by leaving the defense of Egypt to an ill-prepared army of negligible size, when millions of men are in England, is viewed in Russian eyes as evidence of British unwillingness to really engage in the battle.

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G feels that there is little that England can now do vis-a-vis Russia in this situation but that, recognizing that Stalin is still the single decisive factor in determining Russian policy, something might still be done with him by the United States. Like most dictators, he suffers from vanity and on this side the United States particularly has failed to play the game as it should have been played. We have never sent a high ranking envoy to Russia to talk with Stalin. Our envoys have been either of the second rank politically, or

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personal envoys without rank. There is no criticism of the men as such, but they were hardly of the political rank to flatter the vanity of a dictator like Stalin. In view of the impossibility of the President himself making a trip to Russia, he thought we ought to send immediately the highest ranking person who is available, and men whose names Stalin would feel constituted recognition of his vital importance at this juncture. In the course of our conversation, the names of Wallace and Willkie, as possible joint heads of a Mission, came to the fore, and G thought this was an excellent suggestion. He thought that it might be too late but not necessarily hopeless, and that in view of the issues at stake it was worth a try. He said a Mission like this might be more valuable to us than many Divisions.

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Without adopting the pessimistic outlook of this statement, I felt that G was a man of such intellectual capacity that his views should be passed on. He has no axe to grind. He is making an excellent living in New York and has definitely thrown in his lot here, and I believe he is intensely and sincerely back of our war effort.

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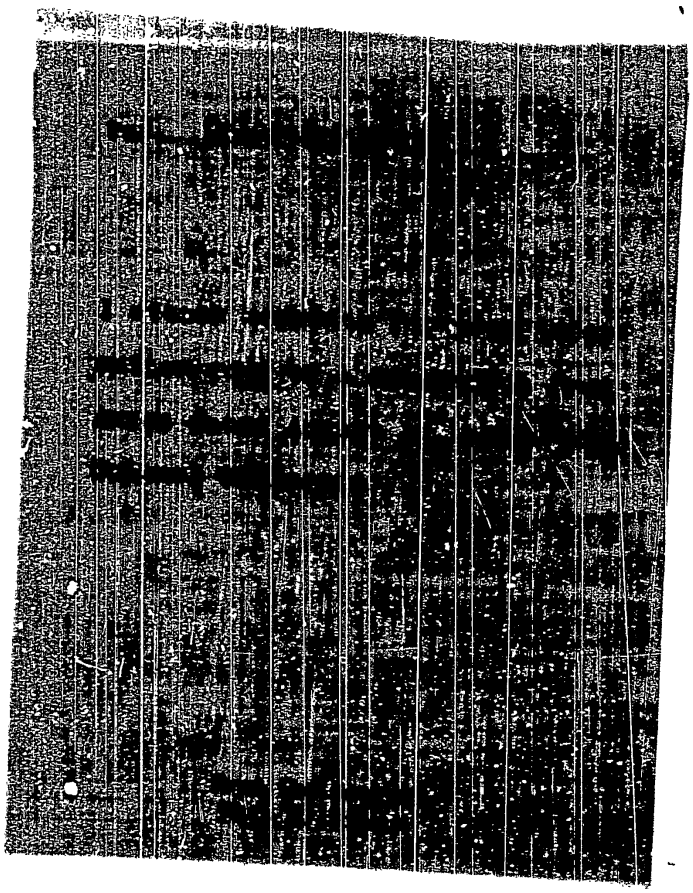

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FROM: Ulius L. Amoss

TO: Mr. Hugh Wilson

SUBJECT: Colonel Gillespie

The subject left Teheran August 2nd and arrived at Miami August 9th. He was next in command to General Greely of the American Air Mission to Russia, but because of difficulties in relationships, based in Iran.

Colonel Gillespie is known to Colonel Donovan who, at one time, requested him to submit a project for Colonel Donovan to take to the White House. I suggest that the Colonel might like to see Colonel Gillespie to get reports on present dangerous conditions in the Middle East.

The following are some of the observations of Colonel Gillespie:

1. Relationships between us and the British in Iran are not good. Between us and the Russians they are very unsatisfactory, the Red Army officers do not trust us and put obstacles in our way.

2. Relationships between the Russians and British are very bad; there is constant danger of an armed clash. The Russians seized an air-field from the British by force.

3. The Iranians hate the British and hate and fear the Russians.

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4. The Russians have seized produce from the Iranians who are on half-rations - and whose live-stock are also on half-rations. They give peasants permission to harvest fodder for their animals and after the harvesting, seize what they want and even taunt the farmers with the fact that they were deluded into working for the Red Army.

5. There is a secret society among the younger Iranian officers, each pledged to kill an English officer.

6. Prestige of the United States is high and the Iranians will join us in the war if we take command in that area.

7. The Iranians made one demand. They have an excellent munitions industry, but they require percussion caps. They will join us if we supply the percussion caps.

8. Colonel Gillespie on authority of his General invited the Minister of War to visit the United States to arrange for this lend-lease transaction. The War Department put the matter up to State which refused permission for the visit on the grounds that Iran is a British sphere of influence. Colonel Gillespie's mission was then called home and the Iranians believe we have abandoned them.

9. General Arnold endorses the Greely-Gillespie plan and arranged meetings with Messrs. Welles, Berle and Murray. State now has waived its objections after hearing about the precarious state of affirs in Iran. The matter now is referred to General Marshall.

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All in all, much time has been lost; the Allied position in Iran has worsened and it may be too late to save it - but Colonel Gillespie believes it is still worth the effort.

U. L. A.

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From: The Chief of Naval Personnel.
To: Lieutenant
Alfred L. Gilka, D-V(S), U.S.N.R.,
Naval Operations,
Navy Department.

Via: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Travel Orders.

1. In connection with your duties you are hereby authorized to perform such travel from time to time as may be directed by the Director of Strategic Services. Travel via government or commercial air, or any other mode of transportation is authorized.

2. In addition to the actual cost of travel you will be entitled to a per diem of $6.00 while absent from your designated post of duty, Washington, D.C.

3. You will look to the Director of Strategic Services for reimbursement for all travel performed in obedience to these orders.

RANDALL JACOBS

Copy to:
Naval Operations.
Office of the Director of
Strategic Services,
Washington, D.C.
Detail Office.

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[illegible] Atlantic [illegible].

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[illegible], the author of "The Art of Influencing [illegible] the foremost Nazi expert on American [illegible] democratic ideology as a weapon [illegible]:

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[illegible] to American intervention [illegible] Pre[illegible]ent Roosevelt it [illegible] in rep- [illegible] threatening our security [illegible] Die Aussenpolitik der U.S.A.,

[illegible] fact that geopolitics [illegible] in enious weapons of Nazi [illegible] will [illegible] to exploit [illegible] country with all its attendant [illegible] and we may also be sure that [illegible] the help of the American geo- [illegible] to discredit and undermine [illegible].

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FA

September 24. 1942

My dear Colonel Donovan:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 12, 1942 concerning the termination of the services of Dr. Esson M. Gale and Mr. Joseph L. Raichle as Foreign Service Technical Advisers. Dr. Gale has tendered his resignation effective as of the close of business on September 30, 1942. There is enclosed a copy of the letter of acceptance which has been sent to Dr. Gale. You will note that the Department will pay his salary through the month of September as well as his per diem for his return journey from Chungking.

I shall expect to hear from you concerning Mr. Raichle in the near future. In the meantime the Department will continue salary payments to him and bill your office on form 1080 for the amounts paid.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

G. Howland Shaw
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

Copy of Letter to Dr. Gale,
From Department of State.

The Honorable
William J. Donovan,
Director, Office of
Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

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TO

Letter drafted 9/17/42

ADDRESSED TO

Colonel William J. Donovan

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September 24, 1942

In reply refer to
FA

My dear Mr. Dale:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 11, 1942 tendering your resignation as Foreign Service Technical Adviser on temporary detail as Special Assistant to the American Ambassador at Chungking. Your resignation is hereby accepted effective at the close of business on September 30, 1942.

Your salary for the month of September and per diem for the period August 1 to August 25, 12:45 p.m., will be paid by the Department for reimbursement by the Office of Strategic Services according to the arrangement existing between them. Per diem is not payable after your return to Washington in view of the fact that Washington is your headquarters. The Comptroller General has made numerous decisions forbidding the payment of per diem to any employee of the Government while he is at his headquarters. Before the voucher for your per diem can be paid it will be necessary for the Department to have your itinerary from Chungking to Washington as this must be shown on the voucher. It would also be well for you to indicate on your itinerary how your transportation was provided.

In accepting your resignation, permit me to thank you on behalf of the Government for the very valuable service you have given while holding this appointment.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

G. Howland Shaw
Assistant Secretary

Mr. James M. Dale,
Care of Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

SECRET

TO Colonel Donovan

FROM Lt. Colonel [illegible]

DATE: September 14, 1942

SUBJECT:

I thought you would be interested to know Dr. Reson M. Gale has settled his account with me and has reported in detail on all monies advanced to him. Inasmuch as he had to keep records under most difficult conditions at times, I think he is to be complimented for his careful work.

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September 12, 1942

Mr. G. Howland Shaw,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Shaw:

Replying to your letter of September 5, regarding the status of Mr. Lasen M. Gale and Mr. Joseph L. Raichle, Mr. Gale has submitted his resignation, effective September 8, which has been accepted. Therefore, his appointment in the Foreign Service should be terminated as of that date.

With respect to the case of Mr. Raichle, there is a possibility that we may wish to send him back to his former station and if so, it would be well that he retain his appointment as diplomatic courier. If agreeable to you, I should like to defer decision as to him until he returns from leave of absence within the next week or ten days, at which time I will communicate with you.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Gale 7639

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FA

September 5, 1942

My dear Colonel Donovan:

It will be recalled that Dr. Esson M. Gale and Mr. Joseph L. Raichle were appointed Foreign Service Technical Advisers and assigned as Special Assistants at the American Embassies at Chungking and London, respectively, to perform certain confidential services for the Office of the Coordinator of Information. Mr. Raichle's designation as Special Assistant to the American Embassy at London was later superseded by his appointment as diplomatic courier at Lisbon at the request of the Office of the Coordinator of Information. At the beginning of the current fiscal year your office advised the Department of State that it would take over the financial responsibility for these men which had formerly been carried by the Office of the Coordinator of Information.

Since Dr. Gale and Mr. Raichle have both recently returned to the United States I shall be pleased to be advised if it is agreeable to you to terminate their appointments as Foreign Service Technical Advisers. It is not the intention of the Department of State to deprive them of a status which will increase their usefulness to your office. However, it appears that their return to this country offers a convenient occasion for changing their status to correspond with that of other representatives of the Office of Strategic Services abroad.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

J. Howland Shaw

J. Howland Shaw
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
William J. Donovan,
Director, Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

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Copy for the Embassy.
Gale. 7629
at Chungking

September 11, 1942

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to the Department's letter No. dated December 30, 1941, appointing me on a temporary basis to be Foreign Service Technical Adviser, with a salary of $7,200 per annum and per diem allowances as specified, with headquarters at the Department of State, Washington, D. C., and on temporary detail as Special Assistant to the Ambassador at Chungking, I now have the honor to submit my resignation in such capacities as from September 30, 1942.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Owen M. Gale

OMG/mlt

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September 11, 1942

Sums Payable to Dr. Ernest M. Gale by Department of State as of September 30, 1942

September 1 - 30	Salary at $600, less $30	$570.00
August 1 - 25 (12:45 P.M., date of arrival, Bland), 24½ days at $6 per diem		147.00
August 25 - 31 (12:45 P.M.) 6½ days at $5 per diem		32.50
September 1 - 30, thirty days at $5 per diem		150.00
	Total	$899.50

Ernest M. Gale

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Gale 7639
x Chungking
x Cable
x Return

September 9, 1942

Dear Dr. Gale:

Before you get away from us entirely I want to tell you how deeply I have appreciated the work you did for us in China. Even though the project we had in mind did not develop to the extent that both you and I had hoped, the information which, in spite of great difficulties, you got through to us was very valuable, and the contacts which you established will be, I am sure, most useful in our future relations with Chungking.

Again with many thanks for your loyal service and with all best personal wishes for a successful year at the University of Michigan, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

Dr. Nason E. Gale,
Office of Strategic Services,
Room [illegible], Temporary & Building,
Washington, D. C.

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Gale 7639
x Chungking
x Cable
x Return

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
[illegible]

August 11, 194[illegible]

Honorable G. Howland Shaw
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Reference is made to previous correspondence regarding financial arrangements made between this office and the Department of State relative to the salary and other expenses covering the assignment of Dr. [illegible] Gale as special assistant to the American Embassy at Chungking, China.

Since Dr. Gale is returning to the United States, it will be appreciated if arrangements will be made by the Department of State to provide the necessary transportation [illegible] or tickets for his return to the United States. In order that Dr. Gale may be provided with [illegible] while en route to the United States from Chungking, it is requested that arrangements be made through the American Embassies in Chungking, China and Cairo, Egypt, whereby Dr. Gale may be reimbursed for current per diem allowances upon arrival at Cairo, Egypt.

The Office of Strategic Services will reimburse the Department for all expenses made on behalf of Dr. Gale in connection with his return trip to Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

William J. Donovan

cc [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

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Gale 7639
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
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August 11, 1942

Honorable G. Howland Shaw
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Reference is made to previous correspondence regarding financial arrangements made between this office and the Department of State relative to the salary and other expenses covering the assignment of Dr. Mason M. Gale as Special Assistant to the American Embassy at Chungking, China.

Since Dr. Gale is returning to the United States, it will be appreciated if arrangements will be made by the Department of State to provide the necessary transportation requests or tickets for his return to the United States. In order that Dr. Gale may be provided with adequate funds while enroute to the United States from Chungking, it is requested that arrangements be made through the American Legations in Chungking, China, and Cairo, Egypt, whereby Dr. Gale may be reimbursed for accrued per diem allowances upon arrival at Cairo, Egypt.

The Office of Strategic Services will reimburse the Department for all expenses made on behalf of Dr. Gale in connection with his return trip to Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

William J. Donovan

cc Amb. Kimball, Kilgour
Ogata, Barnes, Stacy

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 28, 1942

FROM: David Bruce

TO: Colonel Donovan

SECRET
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

There is attached a copy of a memorandum prepared by the Far Eastern Section, attaching a cable to Dr. Gale, which is submitted for your approval.

Will you kindly let me know your decision in this matter.

DB
David Bruce

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Gale 76-7

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

SECRET

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

FROM: E. B. Price

July 25, 1942

TO: Major David Bruce

SUBJECT: Gale

You may recall that our telegram of June 24 sent through the State Department, Gale was notified that it had been decided, for various reasons mentioned in the cable, to suspend the activity contemplated in Gale's assignment. Dr. Gale was asked to prepare to return to Washington, leaving Chungking as soon as convenient after the arrival of Fairbank, unless Dr. Gale wished to take advantage of a favorable local opening. In the latter event, the cable stated that Colonel Donovan would be willing to release Dr. Gale as soon as Fairbank arrived in Chungking, advancing him the equivalent of his expenses from Chungking to Washington. Dr. Gale was asked to continue the office and residence project already authorized and was told that he might continue the temporary employment of three staff members mentioned. Dr. Gale was asked to inform us of his decision as soon as convenient.

To this telegram Dr. Gale replied by cable dated July 1, stating that he would report his plans as soon as formulated, and requested information as to the date of Fairbank's actual departure. In a cable dated July 6 to Dr. Gale, Dr. Gale was informed that the University of Michigan offered him an appointment for one academic year only as Murfin Professor, as substitute for Dr. Hayden at a salary of $5,000, and requested Dr. Gale's decision for submission to the University Regents for formal action on July 17.

The only message we have had from Dr. Gale since the one above mentioned of July 1 was a cable from him dated July 3 sent "via N.R.", in which he inquired whether he might draw on an unexpended balance of around $4,000 of an allotment of $9,000, made to him on March 30, for current new fiscal year expenses. In this cable he also stated that he would "await Fairbank's arrival and discussion of definitive office arrangements and personnel before final decisions will be made."

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... replied to the section of Gale's cable inquiring about money on July 15, saying that he could draw ... the unexpended balance mentioned.

Unless, therefore, there has been correspondence ... have not seen (which I do not think is likely) the situation is that Gale is awaiting Fairbank's arrival before making final plans for his departure. I have just checked with Dr. Fairbank and learn that the matter of his departure has been held up for budgetary reasons, but that it is probable that he will be going to Chungking, though the date has not been set. Meanwhile, R. & A. has received the permission of the budget office to allot to a man named Sargent, who was one of Dr. Rowe's assistants in the microfilm project, an amount of $2,500, which was considered sufficient to carry the project during the current quarter or until the arrival of Fairbank.

A further matter to keep in mind in this connection is that of the combined house and residence for Gale, for which an allotment of $20,000 was made. This money was to be used for the repair and rehabilitation of an American-owned mission building partially destroyed by bombing. The repair of the building was to be in lieu of rent for the duration. Gale's last telegram of July 3 stated that the building would not be ready until the end of July.

I attach for your consideration a draft of a proposed cable to Gale, and will be glad to discuss it with you at your convenience.

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Jill
Gibb 7415
x Campbell
x Middle East

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 10, 1942.

Dear Bill,

This will introduce to you Professor H.A.R. Gibb, who is Professor of Arabic at Oxford University and has been working as Head of the Middle Eastern Section of the Foreign Research and Press Service under Professor Arnold Toynbee at Oxford. As you no doubt knew the F.R.P.S. produce factual memoranda for Government departments. Professor Gibb is an outstanding scholar and the work of his Section has been most useful to the Foreign Office. He has lately been lecturing at Chicago University and the Foreign Office have expressed the hope that he should have some opportunity of meeting outstanding Americans who are interested in Middle Eastern affairs. His knowledge of the Arab side is profound and I think that conversation with him would be found of considerable interest by you and those concerned in your organization with Middle Eastern, and in particular Arab, matters.

If you could spare him some of your time and help him to get in touch with those in your organization who would be interested I myself and the Foreign Office would feel deeply obliged to you.

Yours ever
R. I. Campbell

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D.C.

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X Headquarters Charge
X Foreign Origin

July 21, 1942

Mr. Lindsay C. Warren
Comptroller General of the
United States
General Accounting Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Warren:

In accordance with the provisions of Allocation Letter No. [illegible], issued July 3, 1942, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which states:

"Provided, that the Director may delegate the power to a designated official to determine the need for and authorize (1) the change of official station of employees, including the payment of household effects, and (2) the purchase of articles and materials of foreign origin."

I have delegated the following authorities, copies of which are attached:

(7384)

C. W. [illegible], Chief, Budget and Finance Division, to execute certificates requiring purchase of articles and materials of foreign origin, and James B. [illegible], Director of Personnel, to determine the need for and authorize the change of official station of employees, including the payment of household effects. (7384a)

These authorities were effective July 14, 1942, and shall continue until revoked in writing by me.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

cc: Fiscal
Service Operations
Mr. [illegible]
Bureau of the Budget

[illegible]

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 8, 1942

CHIEFS OF GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

FAR EAST - MR. J. R. HAYDEN

Tibet
U.S.S.R. east of Lake Baikal
China (including Inner and Outer Mongolia, and Manchukuo)
Japanese Empire
Philippines
French Indo-China
Burma
Thailand
British Malaya
Netherlands Indies, Macao, Portuguese Timor and Dutch New Guinea
The Islands south of the Equator and between 150 degrees East Latitude and 130 degrees West Latitude.
Australasia

NEAR EAST - MR. GORDON LOW

Turkey
Syria
Palestine
Iraq
Transjordan
Arabia
Iran
Egypt

MIDDLE EAST - MR. A. D. [illegible] (temporary)

India
Ceylon
Afghanistan

AFRICA - MR. I. [illegible]

Territory south of Atlas Mountains, including Rio de Oro, Dakar, French possessions in Africa, Tanganyika, [illegible], Angola, Sudan, Madagascar, [illegible] Africa, Cape Verde Islands.

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Algeria
Tunisia
Libya
Portugal
Spain
France
Holland
Belgium
Switzerland
Italy
(Germany)
Azores
Madeira
Canaries

[redacted] - Mr. E. A. [redacted]

Denmark
Sweden
Norway
(Germany)

[redacted] - Mr. [redacted]

Russia
Poland
Estonia
Latvia
Lithuania
Finland

[redacted] - Mr. H. L. [redacted]

Greece
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General Accounting Office
Washington, D. C.

Attention Mr. H. P. [illegible]
Travel Unit, Audit Division

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of June 6, 1930 (53 Stat. 810), the following employees of the Office of Strategic Services (formerly Coordinator of Information) have been authorized to administer oaths to accounts for travel rendered against the United States:

Norton S. Allen (New York Office)
Francis Bowman (Washington Office)
A. Ben Goodland (New York Office)
Lillian [illegible] (Washington Office)
Albert [illegible] (New York Office)
Alice [illegible] (Washington Office)
Eleanor [illegible] (Washington Office)
Godfrey L. [illegible] (San Francisco Office)
Lorene J. [illegible] (Washington Office)
Robert [illegible] (San Francisco Office)
Lillian [illegible] (Washington Office)
J. [illegible] (San Francisco Office)

Effective July 1, 1942 the authorities for Norton S. Allen, A. Ben Goodland, Albert [illegible], Alice [illegible], Godfrey L. [illegible], Robert [illegible], Lillian [illegible], and J. [illegible] should be revoked because they will no longer be associated with the Office of Strategic Services.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]
Acting Director

CWS:[illegible]
cc: Travel Sectioned

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COPIES OF THIS MEMO TO THE FOLLOWING:

J. P. Baxter
W. L. Langer
J. A. Wilson
Conyers Read
G. T. Robinson
W. L. Dorn
R. K. Gooch
Sherman Kent
P. L. James
C. F. Remer
Richard Hartshorne
Col. P. J. McDonnell
Comm. S. B. Moore
E. S. Mason
J. C. Wiley
Col. M. P. Goodfellow

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: F. L. Belin

DATE June 18, 1942

TO: Colonel W. J. Donovan

SUBJECT: Geographic Index of Persons

File

The Reporting Board of the Special Activities Branch announces the establishment of a Geographic Index of Persons, under the direction of G. W. Cottrell, to be maintained in Room 1138, Que Building. This index is designed to embrace two basic categories of persons in foreign countries (excluding the Western Hemisphere):

1) persons engaged in or sympathizing with subversive activities against the United Nations in general and the United States in particular

2) persons who may be regarded as possible friendly contacts.

Names are arranged alphabetically by country, to afford ready consultation with respect to a given area. All available information will be provided for each name, and all available sources for names will be drawn upon, including not only other Branches of the COI, but also other pertinent Departments of the Government. It is anticipated that liaison with the intelligence services of allied governments will also produce valuable material.

In addition to the Index arranged under the two basic categories of subversives and contacts, it is planned to make available information of a general Who's Who character, i.e., data on prominent persons in foreign countries.

Geographic or other sections of the COI are requested to transmit to Mr. Cottrell any lists of names or data regarding names which may have already been assembled within the sections.

F. L. B.

F. L. Belin

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Reference 6675
X Military
X Rumania

June 2, 1942

FOR COLONEL DONOVAN:

The name of Gafencu has come up several times recently in a manner suggesting that he is being groomed to play some sort of a role. The British have been interested and have been sounding us out to find out what the State Department attitude towards him may be. The reference to the Soviet Union is interesting.

JOHN C. KILEY

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June 1, 1942

Grigore Gafencu

Age 50-55; mother Irish-English; father of remote Bulgarian ancestry; wife Russian-French. He had a very distinguished record in the last war. He flew as observer in the Roumanian air force, with Radu Irimescu as pilot. He owned and edited "Argus", of Bucuresti, one of the best economic-financial dailies in S.E. Europe. From about 1925 to 1938 he belonged to the National Peasant party (Maniu), occupying cabinet posts in several administrations, including the portfolios of Foreign Affairs and of Industry and Commerce. His subordinates were practically unanimous in acknowledging his excellent judgment and impartiality. King Carol II had a great liking for and confidence in him. After political parties were abolished in Roumania, with the exception of the "Front of the National Rebirth", Gafencu became prominent in this organization. He founded the newspaper "Timpul" about 1938. Gafencu's last political appointment was as Minister to Moscow, shortly before the Vienna conference which awarded half of Transylvania to Hungary. Bessarabia had been recently "ceded" to the Soviet Union and this appointment came as a surprise, particularly since Davidescu, who had framed the ultimatum and the details of the "cession", was still in power in Moscow at the time. The reasons for Gafencu's sudden appointment subsequently became an open secret. He was the bearer of an offer of military cooperation against Germany, sent by Carol as a desperate last effort to maintain his already untenable situation. The missions failed. The

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Russians turned the offer over to Berlin, as a proof of the sincere friendship then still in existence. It was this document or a photostat thereof which confronted Manoilescu at the Vienna conference and which caused the unconditional Rumanian acceptance of the German dictate. Gafencu, relieved of his abortive mission, returned to Bucuresti but not to political life. He is at present (May 1942) in Switzerland, presumably undergoing medical treatment. He is a sick man.

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Washington, D.C.

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Globe 6' Dia
Air Mail Routes
Post Office Dept

Office of the Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

August 27, 1942.

Col. William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Donovan:

I have your letter of August 6, requesting instructions for the return of the display globe you borrowed recently.

If you will have the globe delivered to the Washington City Post Office, adjacent to the Union Station, the Assistant Custodian, Mr. W. W. Day, in room 3061, or some person acting for him, will receive it and direct its disposition.

I am glad that the Post Office Department was able to oblige you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Postmaster General.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

August 8, 1942

The Honorable Frank C. Walker
The Postmaster General
of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

About 6 weeks ago we received from you the Post Office display globe which you were kind enough to lend us for some special Cartographic Research which we undertook for the War and Navy Departments. This work was completed somewhat more expeditiously than we had expected and consequently we are now in a position to return the globe to you.

I want to express the gratitude of this office for your kind cooperation. If you will give us instructions where you wish the globe sent we will of course be glad to take care of the transportation.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

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May 25, 1942

The Honorable Frank C. Walker
The Postmaster General
of the United States
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Walker:

Through the kind cooperation of the Office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, representatives of this agency recently inspected a large globe in the possession of the Post Office Department, showing air mail routes throughout the world.

I am informed that the globe is now in storage in the City Post Office Building in Washington, and will not likely be required by your department for the duration of the war.

The use of this globe would be extremely valuable to us in connection with projects which we are conducting for the War and Navy Departments, and I am, therefore, writing to ask if you will be good enough to lend it to us for a period of five or six months.

Since this is a matter of considerable strategic urgency, I shall very much appreciate your good offices in making the globe available to us at the earliest possible moment. We do not plan to alter it in any way, and shall, of course, see to it that it is carefully protected and returned to you as soon as it has served our purposes.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

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PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION
HEADQUARTERS
EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FIRST ARMY
90 Church Street, New York

April 2, 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel:

Thanks for your letter of March 30th. I have asked the Organized Reserves Headquarters here at 90 Church Street about Captain John Rowley and will look into his application.

I am glad the pictures proved to be of interest.

With best regards,

Faithfully yours,

E. J. F. GLAVIN
Lt. Colonel, Infantry
Public Relation Officer

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March 30, 1942

Lieut. Colonel E. J. F. Glavin
Public Relations Officer
Eastern Defense Command and First Army
Governors Island, New York

Dear Colonel:

Thank you very much for sending me the pictures. I seem to look like somebody just found in the woods and taken into custody.

I am very much interested in what you have to say about your new set-up and think it should work out for the good.

I have a letter this morning from Captain John Newley, who tells me that he has applied for a commission at the Second Corps Headquarters, 90 Church Street. Newley is an excellent man and if it would not be too much trouble I would appreciate your looking into this.

With many thanks and best regards,

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

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HEADQUARTERS
EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FIRST ARMY
GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK

March 26, 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan
Office of the Coordinator of Information
Executive Offices
White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel:

The enclosed pictures are enlargements made at this office from small prints furnished by the Signal Photo Company which covered General McNair's Headquarters during the army maneuvers last November. I am sending them along because I felt they may be of interest to you, and you might wish to retain them in your files.

Our New York City office is being prepared on the ninth floor of the Federal Office Building at 90 Church Street in New York City. We will be adjacent to the Public Relations Section for the Headquarters Second Corps Area and also adjacent to the Public Relations Section for the Eastern Sea Frontier. Thus, an opportunity exists for the coordination of the activities of these three Sections.

There is still considerable to be done in securing a uniform policy for Army and Navy public relations activities in this area along the eastern coast. The simplest plan appears to me to include in General Drum's Headquarters the responsibility for the coordination of all army public relations activities and the responsibility to coordinate these with all naval public relations activities. However, the separate activities of the Air Forces, which are only partially under this Headquarters, and the separate activities of the first four corps areas, which are under the Service of Supply, make the adoption of any uniform policy currently impossible. In the final analysis, General Drum will be held responsible for these activities in the event of an emergency. Obviously, he will be unable to

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secure adequate control and direction of these agencies during the emergency.

I would be glad to have you drop in to the new office whenever you are in New York City. In addition, I would welcome an opportunity to visit with you whenever your time permits.

With best personal regards, I remain

Faithfully yours,

R. J. F. OLAVIN
Lt. Colonel, Infantry
Public Relations Officer

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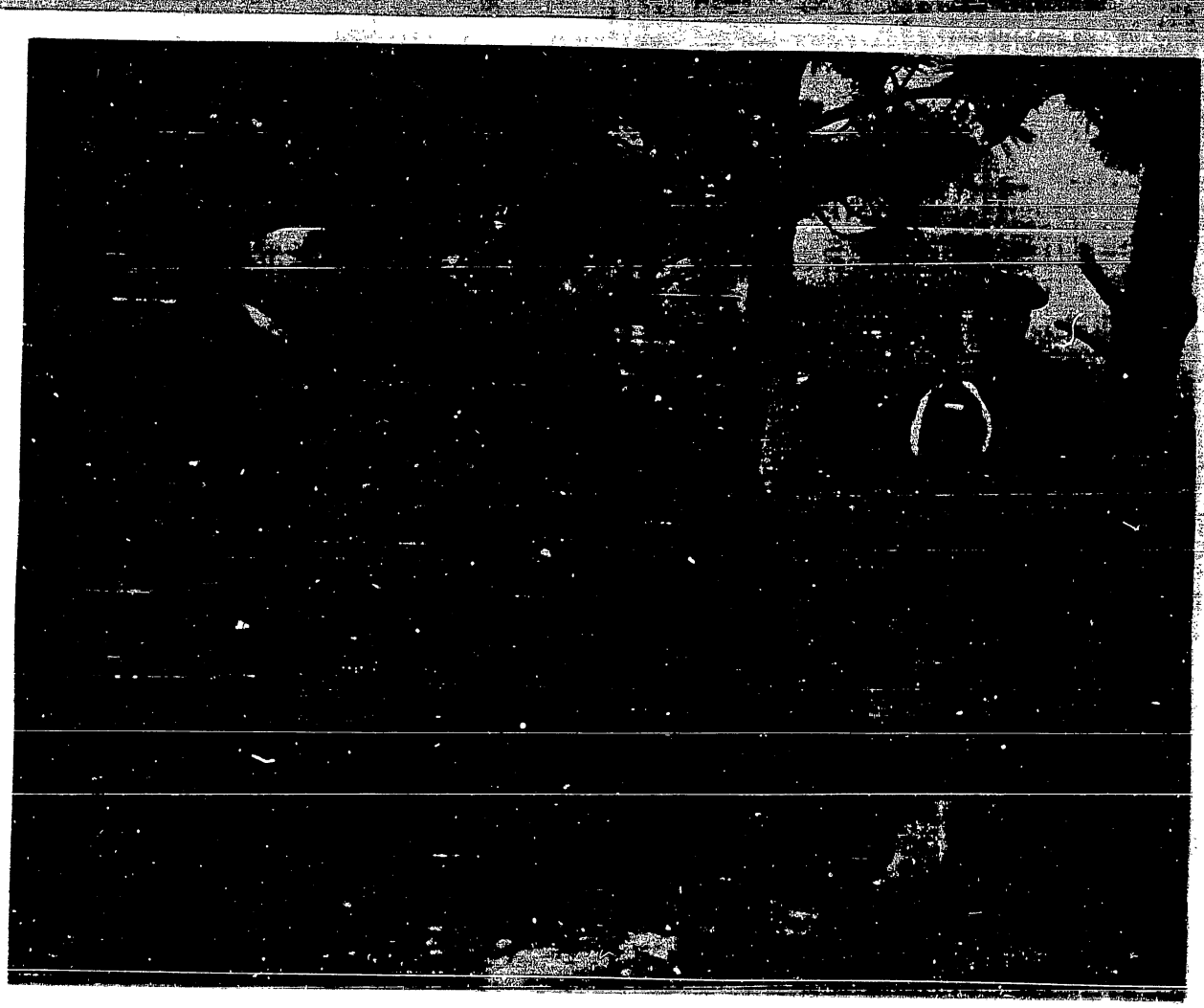

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J. E. GARDERES
FAIRWAY EAST
SAYVILLE, NEW YORK
TEL 1183

July [illegible],
[illegible]

[illegible],

[illegible] of all that the Radio may have diffused, [illegible] Propaganda meared ;for more than two [illegible] :

I- [illegible] French Fleet - The French bases -the French [illegible] given up to the enemy.

II- Half of French soil is free of enemy's occupation.

III- Two thirds of the French Population is not under [illegible] the enemy-

IV- About thirty millions of French and refugees are [illegible] the terrible fate of the Poles-Tehrcks-Norvegians, etc,..

V- [illegible] and the French Empire are beltching Nazism, [illegible] as Bolshevism.-

VI- Forthy millions of French, more than sixty millions [illegible] Empire are still awaiting : The American weapons- the "American" Forces- ,-still hoping for American Victory !

And:
Admiral Leahy is fully informed of all this ;,
And:
Washington knows it perfectly;
And :
Canada knows it also.

[illegible] the facts- the important facts.-

All the rest is : "WORLDS, ..LITTLE WORLDS"

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

J. E. GARDERES,
Former [illegible] of President Doumergue.-

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File

J. E. GARDERES
FAIRWAY EAST
SAYVILLE, NEW YORK
TEL 1183

July 13th, 1942.

Gentlemen :,

JULY 1778- Louis XVI , King of France , decides to send a fleet , an expeditionary Corps , military subsidies and a gift of six millions of gold-pounds to the aid of the Combatants for American Independence .

July 14th, 1789- 8 P.M. - Surrender of the Bastille. The butcher-aid Cabot hacks , with a pocket-knife, the [illegible] of the still living [illegible] year old [illegible] de Launay , Governor of the Bastille ; Thus beginning the most [illegible] period of internal history of France, which includes the decapitation of King Louis XVI, of Queen Marie-Antoinette, and the martyrdom of the nine year old "Dauphin" , little heir of the Crown of France !

To celebrate this false bloody effigy of a so-called Liberated, free, France , the American People, the "Sons of the American Revolution", [illegible] by a falsified history , must celebrate the reign of the [illegible] of the man , of the honest man, of the King, of the King of France who was the only, the firmest support of General Washington, of the American Independence, this King who their Fathers, the Fathers of the American Independence called "[illegible] of Liberty" !! (1)-

"O Liberty what "[illegible]" are perpetrated in thy Name"- In thy name which should be served.

This is where leads the adulteration of historical "Truth".

With all my compliments
Very sincerely yours

J. E. Garderes

J. E. GARDERES,
Former Secretary of President A. Boutargue.

(1)- "Material of the Sons of the Revolution"-"Frances's Tarzan" N.Y.S.

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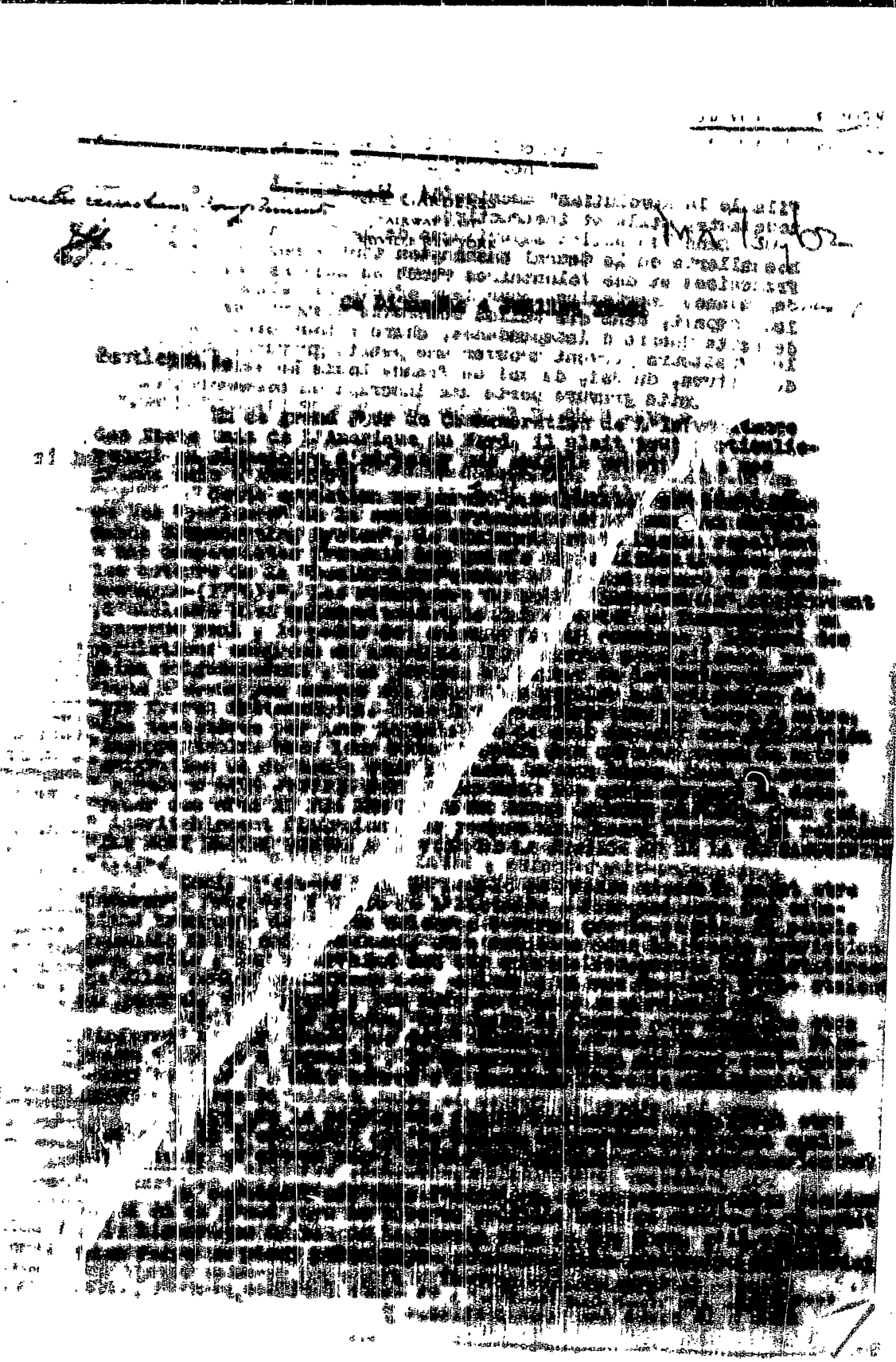

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J. E. GARDERES
FAIRWAY EAST
SAYVILLE, NEW YORK
TEL 1103

Ce Dimanche 4 Juillet 1942-(Suite)

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Bien sincèrement à vous,

J. Garderes

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(1) [illegible] "Mailed France" [illegible] tout homme civilisé [illegible] propre patrie.-

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J. E. GARDERES
FAIRWAY EAST
SAYVILLE NEW YORK

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AU NOM DE LA TRES SAINTE TRINITE, [illegible]

[illegible] jour de décembre [illegible] mois, [illegible] de mon [illegible] France, [illegible] mois [illegible] ma famille dans la tour du Temple [illegible] mes sujets, et privé de toute communication quelconque, [illegible] souvent, avec ma famille, de plus implique dans un procès dont il est impossible [illegible]

JE LAISSE MON AME A DIEU, MON CREATEUR.

JE [illegible] DE [illegible] ET [illegible]

[illegible]

Je prie [illegible] de jeter particulièrement [illegible] mes enfants et ma sœur, qui souffrent [illegible] par sa grande [illegible] paternelle.

[illegible]

Je prie ma femme [illegible] les chagrins [illegible] moi, et [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] PAIX MAL UNE PAIX, [illegible] PLUS QUE CELLE QUI L'ON VIENT FAIRE.

[illegible] paix qui, [illegible] ne serait pas un remède mais un mal, ne serait pas une paix, mais un commencement de nouvelle guerre.

La France a toujours [illegible] qu'elle n'entendrait jamais [illegible] paix, sans ses Alliés, tant à cause de l'engagement de sa foi,

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x Vanderbilt

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION
270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 13, 1942

To: Mr. James R. Murphy

From: William H. Vanderbilt

I have talked with Mr. Tor Gjesdal here in New York, and as he wrote you, he is going to contact Major Whitney as soon as he gets back to London. It is my understanding that he will turn over information to Major Whitney, which will then be forwarded to this country. Could it be arranged that this information would come to us here in New York so that we could use it, as we do now, similar information from other countries.

Mr. Gjesdal also expressed his regret and embarrassment in having to cancel the passage which you had arranged.

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TOR GJESDAL
Director of the Royal Norwegian
Government Information Office

Telephone
Kensington 9444

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NORWEGIAN INFORMATION BUREAU

NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESS DEPARTMENT,
THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN LEGATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

TELEPHONE
CIRCLE 6-7124

ROOM 1433
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, N. Y.

By Air Mail.

CONFIDENTIAL.

February 10th 1942.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I am writing to tell you how very thankful indeed I am for your kind efforts in securing me a good passage back to England, and how I appreciate the friendlyness you thus have shown to me as a Norwegian.

I therefore felt very sorry when I, after consultations Monday morning with our Minister to Washington, Mr. Morgenstierne, had to decide not to accept your kind offer. The reasons were that I still had some important things to take care of before leaving - among them a meeting with all the editors-in-chief of the Norwegian language-papers in the U. S., and a conference with the leaders of our airforce training camp in Canada - and the Minister did not feel it justified to cancel these arrangements, when the circumstances did not allow the extra-ordinary advantage of going by air, a point of view to which I had to agree. At the same time, the Legation could confirm - what I previously had been counting upon in case no plane-accomodation directly to Great Britain was available - that I would get a chance in the middle of next week to cross with one of the Norwegian Shipping Mission's "7-day-runners".

I sincerely hope this will explain to you why I had to reach the decision mentioned, and according to your advice, I informed Mr. Bell about it at 9.30 a.m., expressing my deep regret.

As to the collaboration discussed with representatives of your office in New York, I am convinced it should be possible to obtain very good results, and I will get in contact with your Major Whitney as soon as I am back in London.

Looking forward to further pleasant collaboration, I am,

Yours very sincerely

For Gjesdal.

James Murphy, Esq.,
Executive Secretary General,
Coordinator's Office,
Washington, D. C.

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION
270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

CONFIDENTIAL

February 9, 1942

To: Mr. James R. Murphy

From: William H. Vanderbilt

Subject: Mr. Tor Gjesdal

Referring to our telephone conversation of this afternoon, it appears that Mr. Gjesdal misunderstood the telephone conversation to him in Florida. He thought that he was going on a bomber and therefore flew up. When he found it was a ship and that he could not be there within the next week anyway, he decided he would rather attend the meeting here in New York and take his ship as originally planned in about ten days.

I am terribly sorry there was this mix-up, but apparently it was a misunderstanding on the part of one of our unpredictable allies!

WHV.

WHV AM

Samuel E Dewrand Rock

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